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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/45/752)]

45/104. Convention on the Rights of the Child

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions and those of the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council related to the question of a convention on the rights of the child,

Recalling in particular its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Convention on the Rights of the Child and called upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority,

Reaffirming that children's rights require special protection and call for continuous improvement of the situation of children all over the world, as well as for their development and education in conditions of peace and security,

Profoundly concerned that the situation of children in many parts of the world remains critical as a result of inadequate social conditions, natural disasters, armed conflicts, exploitation, illiteracy, hunger and disability, and convinced that urgent and effective national and international action is called for,

Mindful of the important role of the United Nations Children's Fund and of the United Nations in promoting the well-being of children and their development,

Convinced that the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as a standard-setting accomplishment of the United Nations in the field of human rights, makes a positive contribution to protecting children's rights and ensuring their well-being,

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Welcoming with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the World Summit for Children, held in New York on 29 and 30 September 1990, in particular the adoption of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, 1/ and stressing the necessity to ensure follow-up to the Summit at the national and international levels,

Encouraged by the fact that an unprecedented number of States have to date become signatories and parties to the Convention, thereby demonstrating the widespread commitment that exists to strive for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; 2/

2. Welcomes with deep satisfaction the entry into force of the Convention on 2 September 1990 as a major step in international efforts to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. Expresses its satisfaction at the number of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention since it was opened for signature, ratification and accession on 26 January 1990;

4. Calls upon all States that have not done so to sign, ratify or accede to the Convention as a matter of priority;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all facilities and assistance necessary for the dissemination of information on the Convention and its implementation, with a view to promoting further ratification of or accession to the Convention;

6. Emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

7. Recognizes the importance of the establishment of the Committee on the Rights of the Child as an essential mechanism for overseeing the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities so that the functions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child may be carried out effectively;

9. Invites United Nations agencies and organizations, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts

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1/ A/45/625, annex.

2/ A/45/473.

with a view to disseminating information on the Convention and promoting its understanding;

10. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

11. Decides to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child".

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